



California Protective Parents Association Newsletter

Dear Friends,

There are lots of events coming up, we hope you can come to some or all of them!

Friday, August 26, 2016.

The **Judicial Council of California** will hold a business meeting on August 25-26 at 455 Golden Gate Ave, San Francisco CA. The public comment time will be from approximately 10:15am to 10:45am. We urge you to send your comments or appear in person with us. We are commenting on the need for child safety to be the first and highest priority in family courts. The Legislature passed Assembly Resolution 155 urging the Governor to reduce adverse childhood experiences in California. The only branch of California government not on board with child safety is the judiciary, specifically the family court.

Monday, August 29, 2016.

The California **Commission on the Future of California Court System** is having a presentation and public comment sessions from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, Chicago/Dallas Room, 5855 West Century, Los Angeles, CA 90045. The [Futures Commission](#) has asked for input on ten proposed concepts to improve California courts. Several of the concepts affect family court:

- #5 Increased and More Effective Assistance for Self-Represented Litigants
- #6 Revise Civil Case Tiers
- #8 Explore Court Reporters' Dual Status
- #10 Digital Recording of Court Proceedings to Provide an Official Record)

Concepts #5, #8 and #10 look good. We plan to make positive comments about those improvements.

However, we are quite concerned about Concept #6.

The Commission previously proposed that mediators make recommendations in all California counties, if litigants failed to agree in regular mediation. Currently, staff members make recommendations to the judge in about half of California counties. We have found that these counties have far more problems with bad decisions than counties with traditional mediation. Staff recommendations essentially corrupt the hearing process. Imagine the uproar if staff gave recommendations to a jury before a criminal trial!

Although we do not see the idea specifically listed, we believe it may be part of Concept #6 under "streamlining method of litigating and managing all types of civil cases".

We plan to testify against the idea of any professional making recommendations to a judicial officer.

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Come to Washington, DC in September to join our efforts to stop courts from placing children with abusers. We need to make our voices heard again and again, until this despicable situation ends.

Monday, September 12, 2016.

We will meet Monday evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the **International Hostel** at [1009 11th Street NW, Washington DC 20001](#) to learn lobbying techniques. A wonderful group of protective mothers is planning the training and making appointments with key Congress members. We wear business suits with the Mothers of Lost Children t-shirts on top to lobby. We are recognized by Congress by the t-shirts.

Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

After meeting with Congress in the morning, please come to the **Congressional Briefing: Protecting Child Safety in Family Courts** from 12:30pm - 2:00pm at the Congressional Meeting Room North, Capitol Visitor Center (CVC 268) in the United States Capitol. Please use the main entrance at East Capitol and 1st Streets, SW. The meeting room is on the lower level.

There will be a panel discussion about the egregious problem of children being taken from safe parents (usually mothers) and given to abusers. We urge you to visit your own Congress members in the afternoon to ask for their help on the Resolution, which will be presented at the briefing.

Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

The White House Speak Out and March will be from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Wear your white t-shirts and white pants or skirts if possible. We are hoping the press will be there. We have been getting calls from many different investigative reporters, especially after Spotlight, the movie on the investigation of the pedophile priests, won an Oscar. The family court's reckless disregard for safety of sexually abused children is an even bigger coverup that has been called "judicial trafficking."

Change.org Petition to U.S. Supreme Court.

Mother in Europe pleads for help protecting her children. To read/sign the petition, click [HERE](#).

Blog Talk Radio: Mothers Who Fight for Justice & Forgiving Dad.

Doreen Ludwig who wrote Motherless America was interviewed on Blog Talk Radio, check it out: [Mothers Who Fight for Justice & Forgiving Dad](#) .

Problematic Reunification Therapy.

A highly problematic development in the family court crisis is the growing interest in aggressive reunification therapy for children who reported abuse and are not interested in visiting their abusers.

[OVERCOMING BARRIERS: Family Intensive Immersion Training](#)

[OVERCOMING BARRIERS FAMILY CAMP: A Program for High-Conflict Divorced Families Where a Child Is Resisting Contact with a Parent](#)

Victory for Judicial Accountability!

We are pleased to announce that the Legislature approved the request to have the California Commission on Judicial Performance audited for the first time in over half a century. A big thanks to the coalition that was headed by Center for Judicial Excellence for leading this successful effort.

Commission on the Status of Women Report.

Internationally, loss of custody to abusive fathers is mentioned in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women long report. Kudos to The Women's Coalition headed by Cindy Dumas who gathered and sent many cases to the United Nations.

EXCERPT from the [Commission on the Status of Women Report on the sixtieth session](#) : CHAPTER 7, Item 124, #7 (i) [page 55]:

"...The working group discerned the following categories in which communications had been most frequently submitted to the Commission:

....(i) **discrimination against women resulting in the loss of child custody to abusive fathers.** "



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